

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (previously amended) A method for concurrently executing multiple operations on a single file displayed on a graphical user interface, the method comprising:

associating a different operation with each of a plurality of inputs;

associating a distinct visual display feature with each of the different operations; and

selecting a file display for a single file on a graphical user interface (GUI) after engaging a first input and a second input from the plurality of inputs, wherein a first operation is associated with the first input and a second operation is associated with the second input, and wherein a first portion of the file display of the single file presents a first distinct visual feature associated with the first operation, and wherein a second portion of the file display of the single file presents a second distinct visual feature associated with the second operation.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

subsequently executing the first and second operations on the single file, after the first and second distinct visual features are respectively displayed on the first and second portions of the file display and are confirmed for execution. ~~according to a pre-determined execution order for the first and second operations.~~

3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the distinct visual features are color-coded.

4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the distinct visual features are geometric patterns.

5. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of inputs are selected icons on the GUI.

6. (original) A method for removing sensitive files from a computer, the method comprising:
identifying a plurality of sensitive files on a computer;
highlighting all of the identified sensitive files with an identifying visual feature;
deleting the identified sensitive files; and

reformatting only areas on a disk drive, associated with a computer, that had stored the deleted sensitive files.

7. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein only sensitive files that had been last edited before a pre-determined period of time are deleted.

8. (previously presented) A computer system for concurrently executing multiple operations on a single file displayed on a graphical user interface, the system comprising:

a monitor for displaying a single file in a graphical user interface (GUI);

a plurality of inputs, each input being associated with a different operation to be applied to the single file, each different operation being associated with a distinct visual display applied to a displayed file; and

an input device for selecting a file display for the single file in the GUI after engaging a first input and a second input from the plurality of inputs, wherein a first operation is associated with the first input and a second operation is associated with the second input, and wherein a first portion of the file display of the single file presents a first distinct visual feature associated with the first operation, and wherein a second portion of the file display of the single file presents a second distinct visual feature associated with the second operation.

9. (previously presented) The computer system of claim 8, further comprising:

an execution unit for executing the first and second operations on the single file according to a pre-determined execution order for the first and second operations.

10. (original) The computer system of claim 8, wherein the distinct visual features are color-coded.

11. (original) The computer system of claim 8, wherein the distinct visual features are geometric patterns.

12. (original) The computer system of claim 8, wherein the plurality of inputs are selected icons on a graphical user interface (GUI).

13. (original) The computer system of claim 8, wherein the first and second files are both sensitive files selected for deletion.

14. (original) The computer system of claim 13, wherein the sensitive files are erased from a hard disk on a computer by re-formatting only areas on the hard disk that had stored the sensitive files.

15. (previously presented) A computer program product, residing on a computer usable medium, for concurrently executing multiple operations on a single file displayed on a graphical user interface, the computer program product comprising:

computer program code for associating a different operation with each of a plurality of inputs;

computer program code for associating a distinct visual display feature with each of the plurality of operations; and

computer program code for selecting a file display for a single file on a graphical user interface (GUI) after engaging a first input and a second input from the plurality of inputs, wherein a first operation is associated with the first input and a second operation is associated with the second input, and wherein a first portion of the file display of the single file presents a first distinct visual feature associated with the first operation, and wherein a second portion of the file display of the single file presents a second distinct visual feature associated with the second operation.

16. (previously presented) The computer program product of claim 15, further comprising:

computer program code for executing the first and second operations on the single file according to a pre-determined execution order for the first and second operations.

17. (original) The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the distinct visual features are color-coded.

18. (original) The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the distinct visual features are geometric patterns.

19. (original) The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the first and second files are both sensitive files selected for deletion.

20. (original) The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the plurality of inputs are selected icons on the GUI.